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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO THE BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE OF THE CHAIR-
MAN OF THE COMMAND COUNCIL, COL. IBRAHIM MOHAMED AL-HAMDI OF
THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC

1. FYI: PRESIDENT FORD HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING BICEN-
TENNIAL GREETING FROM COL. AL-HAMDI OF THE YAR: HIS
EXCELLENCY, MR. GERALD FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON, D.C., IT PLEASES ME TO CONVEY TO
YOU AND TO OUR FRIENDS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, OUR WARMEST
GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION WHEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
IS CELEBRATING ITS BICENTENNIAL. ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT
HISTORIC OCCASION, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
EXPRESS PERSONALLY TO YOU AND TO YOUR PEOPLE OUR BEST
WISHES AND HIGHEST ESTEEM. WISHING YOU PROSPERITY AND
PROGRESS AND WITH HIGHEST REGARDS, YOUR FRIEND, COLONEL
IBRAHIM MOHAMED AL-HAMDI, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMAND COUNCIL
AND SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE YEMENI ARMED FORCES.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
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DELIVERED TO THE CHAIRMAN: DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF

OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION
OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES
ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,
EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTI-
CIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY, GERALD
R. FORD.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO.
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